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FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

Nov.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	6 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 5	1 0	6 0
3	7 00	14 10	1 0	6 0
4	8 00	14 8	1 2	6 0
5	9 00	13 7	2 3	6 7
6	10 00	14 5	2 3	6 7
7	10 00	14 1	3 4	6 7
8	11 00	14 0	4 0	7 0
9	...	...	5 0	7 0
10	...	...	5 0	7 0
11	...	...	5 0	7 0
12	2 00	11 8	7 9	7 8
13	3 00	12 2	9 10	7 8
14	4 00	13 6	9 10	7 8
15	4 30	14 4	10 12	7 8
16	6 00	15 0	...	...
17	7 00	15 6	1 0	7 0
18	7 30	15 7	1 0	7 0
19	8 30	15 4	1 2	6 7
20	9 00	15 4	2 3	6 7
21	10 00	14 9	3 4	6 7
22	...	...	4 5	6 7
23	...	...	4 5	6 7
24	...	...	5 6	6 7
25	1 00	11 0	7 8	7 8
26	2 00	12 3	...	...
27	3 00	12 11	...	...
28	4 00	13 8	...	...
29	5 00	14 7	...	...
30	6 00	15 2	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Nov.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	6 00	14 7	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	1 0	7 0
3	6 30	13 11	...	...
4	7 00	13 8	...	...
5	7 00	13 4	...	...
6	7 00	13 4	...	...
7	7 00	13 4	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
9	2 00	14 2	...	...
10	2 30	14 2	...	...
11	3 00	14 4	...	...
12	3 00	14 7	...	...
13	3 30	14 11	...	...
14	4 00	14 6	11 12	7 8
15	4 00	14 6	11 12	7 8
16	4 30	14 5	12 0	7 0
17	5 30	14 4	...	...
18	5 30	14 1	...	...
19	6 00	13 11	...	...
20	6 00	13 7	...	...
21	6 00	13 0	...	...
22	1 00	14 4	...	...
23	2 00	14 6	...	...
24	2 30	14 6	...	...
25	2 30	14 5	...	...
26	3 00	14 4	9 10	7 8
27	3 30	14 3	10 11	7 0
28	4 00	14 3	11 12	7 0
29	4 00	13 10	12 0	7 0
30	5 00	13 3	12 0	7 0
31	...	...	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

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## Netherlands News.

## The Rice Question.

October 30.—The K. P. M. in Medan received a report by telegram from Rangoon that a Dutch steamer was loading there for Penang and expected to arrive at that port on Wednesday. Another boat, on the Rangoon line, left for Singapore without any cargo by order of the management in Batavia. As a result of these reports, it may be assumed that, for the moment, there is no silver lining to the prohibition as to the export of rice from Rangoon and that the K. P. M. has, temporarily, suspended the Rangoon service.

The French Government has prohibited the import of rice from Saigon, on account of speculation. Saigon is, therefore, looking for another sphere of trade. This is the reason why Saigon did not prohibit the export of rice, whereas Rangoon did.

## Anglo-Dutch Relations.

The "Telegraph" contains an important communication from its London correspondent, palpably inspired by the British Government. The said article states that the British Government regards the sand and granite question seriously, because certain German defensive works are being built of that sand and granite. Even if the gravel transported via the Netherlands was not employed for these works, Germany would be in a position to use the gravel for that purpose as if it had been obtained from Belgium. The British Government is of opinion that the repressive measures taken by it are of a very mild character, in comparison with those employed by Germany with regard to Dutch navigation. The British Government is very dissatisfied with the manner in which the Government of the Netherlands has interpreted International Law.

## The "Marie" Case.

The Netherlands interpretation of International Law has neither the support of influential lawyers nor of international regulations. At the commencement of the war, the Netherlands refused a passage for German ships captured by the Belgian Government, because men of war had not the right to capture vessels in territorial waters, preventing thereby the extension of the war to Netherlands territory. But, whereas the passage of these ships was refused, the Netherlands Government took up quite a different attitude with regard to the German steamship "Marie" which ran into Tandjong Priok in the previous year. The "Marie" had landed arms and ammunition in East Africa. Being pursued, the vessel made an East Indian harbour. Originally, the "Marie" was a vessel belonging to Liverpool, called the "Dacrehill" and was made a prize in a German harbour at the commencement of the war. The point taken up by the British Government is that the "Marie" was not a bonafide merchantman, but a man of war, so that the "Marie"

ought not to have been allowed to remain at Tandjong Priok. The ship should have been ordered either to put to sea again, or she should have been returned to the original owners. The Netherlands Government, however, refused to adopt the latter course and allowed the ship to remain in East Indian waters, as the Germans wished. Furthermore, the crew who were German reservists were not interned. Subsequently, the Netherlands Government refused permission for common merchantmen, taken from the Germans, to put into Dutch ports, though the Prize Court had laid it down that the ships were British property.

## Favouring Germany.

This is all the worse as, on account of the illegal German submarine warfare, the mercantile marine of the Allies has suffered. This proves that Germany is being favoured by the Netherlands. The Government of the Netherlands also refused to permit ships to fetch sugar from Java which might lead to a serious conflict with America which possesses at present several enemy ships which it has placed under the American flag. These ships will not be able to put into a Dutch East Indian port. On the other hand, the Netherlands Government allowed sailing vessels to enter Dutch harbours which ships had been taken from the Germans and sold to Norway. Great Britain denies that the Netherlands have the right to set International Law aside, or to give it an unknown interpretation.

## The Dutch Standpoint.

The "Daily Telegraph" contains an article which evidently, is inspired by the Netherlands Government and in which the standpoint of that government is explained. The effectiveness of the British Government concern certain neutrality measures taken by the Government of the Netherlands which prevented German and Austrian ships passing the Scheldt whilst they were in the hands of the Allies and, similarly, now when they are in the hands of the Germans. Merchantmen under the flag of one of the combatants and captured from an opponent may not be allowed in Netherlands waters. They must be arrested, unless they have entered the waters in consequence of average, storm at sea, want of coal, or of victuals. This is laid down in the Orange book for the year 1916. If another neutral state loaned its flag to a captured ship, the responsibility rests with that state. In accordance with the above, when the "Marie" entered Priok as a German merchantman, but was subsequently recognised as a British ship she was arrested and, after the war, she will be returned to the lawful owner who must be named by an impartial Court. The "Marie" arrived in the Dutch East Indies with a non-military crew. Though it be certain that the "Marie" had carried munitions from Germany to East Africa and might thus be regarded as an auxiliary man of war, according to the proposals of the British delegates to the second Hague Con-

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ference, those proposals were not brought forward by the British delegates at that time. The meaning of the British Government and of the Netherlands Government is that a ship which during war was used as a transport loses its character as an auxiliary ship of war, as soon as it ceases to be employed for that purpose. This is in accordance with the proposals made at the Peace Conference. The British Government requested the permission of the Netherlands Government to use such ships for the transport of sugar and this was granted. Furthermore, even if the "Marie" had arrived in the Dutch East Indies as a man of war, then, in any case, the "Marie" would have to have been interned. The Netherlands Government has carried to the utmost the regulation that goods and ships acquired by means of an act of war may not pass Dutch territorial waters. This regulation did not ever affect England with regard to the war on land but affected both sides in the war on the sea. For instance: The steamer "Ursula Fischer" which attempted to steam from Zeebrugge to Antwerp under the German flag, but which was recognised as a captured British ship, the "Listria" was stopped and threatened with arrest and, thereupon, returned to Zeebrugge.

#### Civilian Service.

The Netherlands newspapers understand that the Government is considering the establishment of compulsory civilian service.

#### The Coal Question Again.

The proposed arrangement between Great Britain and Holland by means of which several hundred thousand tons of coals were to be imported into Holland from England, in return for which England would receive a certain share of woodstuffs from Holland will, apparently, not bear fruit. The Netherlands Minister for Agriculture reports that the plan to requisition ships to bring coal from Britain has been abandoned, because Germany is not in a position to guarantee their safety, even if the ships bear clearly distinguishable marks, seeing that mistakes are possible.

Germany refused free navigation for our colliers from England to Holland, in connection with the submarine warfare.

The Government abandoned the idea of requisitioning boats for the transport of coal from Britain to Holland, as the ship owners are willing to place the vessels at the disposal of the Government. As Germany has refused free navigation, the vessels will not bear special distinguishing marks.

#### Netherlands and the War.

Medan, Oct. 23.—The Government of the Netherlands has not yet made an agreement with Germany with regard to the delivery of coals, because Holland is asking for compensation on several points. It is expected that some will elapse before the agreement is settled.

A Bill is about to be introduced into the Council of State for the raising of a loan of 500 million guilders.

The Government intends subscribing 7½ million guilders towards the establishment of a steel foundry at the Hoek of Holland.

It is not yet known in Holland why the export of rice from Rangoon to the

Dutch East Indies has been prohibited.

The Tea Oversea Trust recently fined certain Dutch firms amounts from 5,000 to 300,000 guilders. Up to the present, fines to the amount of four million guilders have been imposed.

A Peace Conference of women of neutral countries is shortly to be held in Amsterdam.

Heer H. J. von Heutsz who previously demonstrated in the "Nieuwe Courant" that the Netherlands ought to have taken measures to borrow foodstuffs from the Dutch East Indies, now demonstrates that it is not necessary for Dutch ships which voyage to the East Indies via America to get coals in the latter country, if they require only bunker coal. At various places in Borneo, such as Posloe Laoui, good bunker coal is produced. The Japanese vessels bunker there. Heer von Heutsz insists on the installation of a regular service between the Dutch East Indies and Holland by means of Dutch subsidised steamship lines.

The Tilburg textile industry has notified a lock out which will affect 5000 hands.

#### The Ex-Tsar in Exile.

Tobolsk, Aug. 31.—The ex-Imperial family, while awaiting the completion of the arrangements for their installation in the Governor's palace, remained for five days on board the steamer which conveyed them from the railway terminus to Tobolsk. For five days the steamer remained at anchor in mid stream, only approaching the shore to enable the ex-Tsar and his family to walk along the river bank. These walks always took place at a distance of some miles from the town. The ex-Tsaritsa rarely left the vessel, and both she and the ex-Tsarévitch suffered much.

On the morning of August 26 the party was transferred to the Governor's palace. The ex-Tsar went on foot with his son and three of his daughters, while the Tsaritsa followed in a carriage, accompanied by her eldest daughter the Grand Duchess Olga. The party was escorted by a detachment of soldiers who had accompanied them from Tsarskoe Selo. The detachment was composed of soldiers who had been to the front and received the Cross of St. George. At midday on the same day the Prior of the Church of the Annunciation came and blessed the house.

The party occupy the first floor of the Governor's palace, consisting of 11 rooms. One is reserved for the ex-Tsar, one for his son, one for the ex-Tsaritsa, and two for her daughters. One serves as a dining room, another as a reception room, while the remaining rooms are utilized by the members of the suite and the servants. The building is entirely surrounded by a fence which screens it from the view of the neighbouring dwelling-houses.

The daily life of the family is the same as at Tsarskoe Selo. At 10 a.m. breakfast is served, at 1 o'clock luncheon, at 6 p.m. dinner. Only the ex-Tsar and his wife are under detention. The children are in the charge of their mother, who is responsible for their religious instruction.

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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton-wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff the hole with cotton-wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton-wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

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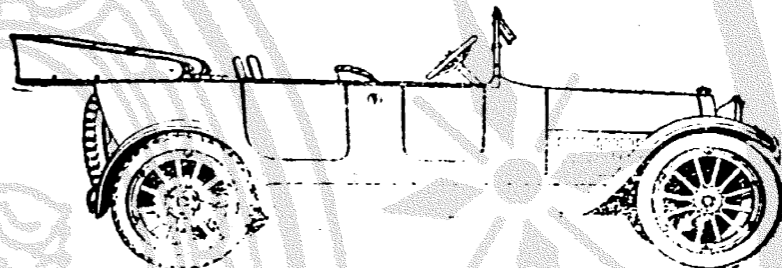
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### Notice.

1. Tenders are invited for the extension and repair to Post and Telegraph Office No. 2 building situated in Onetom House Lane, Bangkok.

2. Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the Post and Telegraph Department on payment of 12 Baht per set.

3. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

4. All tenders to be marked TENDERS in big characters on a closed envelope and should reach the Post and Telegraph Department not later than 1 p. m. on the 15th of November 1917.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

1-5 N.



### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the bridge over Klong Prem in Sanghi Road will be closed to traffic from the 27th October 1917, owing to repairs, and will remain closed to traffic until the repairs are completed.

(Signed) Phya Pracha Korakittirachan.  
Director General.

Local Sanitary Department.  
26th. October 1917.

26-2 N.

### Notice.

FRASER & NEAVE, LTD., beg to intimate that owing to the increased cost of all ingredients used in the manufacture of their Aerated Waters, their prices from 1st November will be as follows:-

Soda Coddle	Tcs. 1.25 per doz.
Soda Split	" 1.00 "
Sweetie Coddle	" 1.60 "
Dry Ginger Ale (small)	" 1.30 "

31-7 N.

### Notice.

Owing to the increase in price, due to the war, of all ingredients used in the manufacture of aerated waters, we regret that we are compelled to raise our price. On and after the 1st November 1917 the prices of aerated waters will be as follows:-

Large Sodas, Vichy or Seltzer	Ticals. 1.25 per dozen.
Split Sodas, Vichy or Seltzer	" 1.00 per dozen.
Large Sweeties, Vichy or Seltzer	" 1.60 "
Split " " " "	" 1.30 "

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### Notice.

#### Chantaboon Coast Line.

We hereby beg to notify that from Tuesday next week we shall have three steamers running on the Chantaboon Coast Line. Steamers will leave from Bangkok (Rachawongsee Road) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 o'clock.

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### Notice.

#### CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:-

Ex s.s. "Kuga Maru" and Balances ex s.s. "Benlomon", "Hyson", "Hellas" and "Tyndareus", are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Katong" on 30th inst., and will be landed and stored at our Wharf, at the risk, expense and responsibility of consignees.

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## The Siam Observer

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1917.

### THE WARNING OF GERMANY.

The two greatest continental nations on earth, Russia and China, seem to stand out as a warning to statesmen. Ages ago a celebrated Oriental philosopher said, "In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom." The two nations mentioned above, however, do not appear to bear out of the truth of this statement. Their counsellors are many indeed, but their governments are disunited and hence their national aims have become ineffective. And yet, those in sympathy with the struggles of these two great nations cannot but believe that they are indeed struggling toward the light. The peoples of these countries have for ages groaned beneath unrighteous governments and, in the same way as no man can conquer his evil desires without great effort, so the goal to which these nations aspire is not to be attained without struggle and agony. Civilised men, and hence civilised nations, are conscious of their faults and shortcomings. The savage is without this kind of consciousness and the war has clearly shown that one great European nation is like the savage inasmuch as it is clearly unconscious of the evil within itself. In the case of this nation there has been none of that "multitude of counsel" that has wrought so much havoc among the Russians and Chinese and yet it is on the brink of destruction. Nay, in some respects it is already destroyed; for how many years, or indeed generations, must elapse before Germany can again take an honoured place in the comity of nations? Four years ago, because of its extraordinary national unity, Germany was a great power for either good or evil and to-day the world knows that she wilfully chose the evil. For fifty years she directed her unity toward an unworthy cause and that is why the nations of the world are armed against her to-day. For many years now, Germany has evinced a contempt for everything spiritual; everything has been sacrificed to the material with the result that her conduct in the war has revealed a barbarism hardly to be expected of the most untutored savage. There are still those who desire to see Germany triumphant because they have seen in that country a system which they deem to be admired. The triumph of Germany, however, would mean the victory of a soulless system, the very antithesis of that great ideal which recognises in each human being a soul as capable of cultivation as the body itself. The ideas that made Germany apparently great in pre-war days are discredited by the deeds of the German people and in the things that make a nation truly great she is but a sorry bankrupt. Yet there is salvation even for Germany if her national consciousness can be awakened for such a consciousness would recognise evil and denounce it.

### Imports and Exports.

The values of Imports and Exports during the month of October 1917 are as follows:-

Imports.	
3% Goods	Tcs. 6,901,133
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	" 190,449
Gold leaf	" 161,000
Bullion & Coin	" 101,000
Opium	" 341,728
Total	" 7,594,310
Exports.	
Rice	Tcs. 8,282,909
Teak	" 362,975
Other goods	" 1,413,368
Total	" 10,064,352

WE believe, says the "China Critic," that a new set of Chinese stamps are already prepared to be issued in commemoration of the establishment of a National Council. No details are available as to their design, values or colours as yet.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

LATEST Advt:-T. S. Apear will hold an auction sale at the City Hotel on the 9th and 10th inst.

Mr. J. R. C. Lyons is going to Kanburi tomorrow to sit as adviser to the Court there in a case of murder.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Saigon line is in good order as far as Battambang. Tral line is good as far as Rayong. Other lines are all right.

POWDERED glass is said to be used as a filling between two layers of thin armour plate on German armoured cars, thus forming a protection against rifle bullets that is very effective.

THE Italian Legation informs us that the Italian Ministry has been reconstituted under the premiership of Signor Orlando and that Baron Sonnino remains as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

THE Return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been reported as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended the 27th October, gives two cases of bubonic plague, which both ended fatally.

ARTHUR Shattuck, the American concert pianist, who inherited a fortune on the death of his father, a Wisconsin paper manufacturer, has turned his income of £12,000 a year over to war relief for the duration of the war. Shattuck, who has also presented his yacht to the Government, will earn his living by giving concerts. He hopes that his money will specially aid musical colleagues who are destitute through the war.

THE present King of Sweden is said to be the only monarch ever known to wear eye glasses on State occasions. In point of fact, both eye-glasses and spectacles are very rare among Royalties of to-day. This certainly is true of our own Royal Family, no living member of which (unless we include the Duke of Cumberland) employs any aid to vision. There was a time when Queen Victoria would not allow anyone wearing spectacles to appear before her at Court. (D. C.)

If tea is really to be scarce in the future, an excellent opportunity presents itself of familiarising this country with a substitute which, unlike most other substitutes, is better than the original, says a Home paper. That is "mate," so largely used in South America. It is said to have all the virtues and none of the vices of tea. Made from the leaves and green shoots of a species of holly, it is drunk only with lemon and sugar, and its use would do much to economise our milk supply.

THE inconveniences which Norway is suffering—including a serious house famine—owing to the influx of foreigners, points to one of the real dangers of the future. The end of the war is certain to bring about extensive movements of population in and from Europe which can only be kept in check by more stringent immigration laws. The great exodus will, no doubt, be to the Dominions and to South America, but there may well be a stampede in every direction from a country so burdened and so execrated as Germany will be.

PEOPLE are mad on mining enterprises in Formosa just now (says the Kobe Herald). Many leading Japanese mine owners are prospecting for various ores. Several parties are at work in the mountain regions inhabited by the aborigines. It is reported that some of them have been already rewarded for their efforts. The Mitsui Mining Company has organised a party of over 40 men to search for copper mines. The party is now in Taipei and was expected to leave for the hills on September 23rd. As the district is considered a very promising one for copper deposits, much interest is being aroused by the expedition. It is reported that so far 87 applications have been lodged with the Governor-General for permission to undertake trial diggings.

THE human ear varies much in its compass in different persons. The average range comprises about nine octaves; very few persons can hear beyond four octaves above F in the middle of the keyboard of the piano. The human ear is as perfect a machine for the analysis of sound as exists in the whole animal kingdom—within its compass. The trained ear of a musician can detect a difference of one thirtyeth of a semitone, whereas an untrained savage fails to detect a difference of less than a semitone. We are powerless to alter the capacity for pitch or to extend the range of sounds, but we can do a great deal to increase the keenness of perception and to cultivate the ear as an analytic receptor by practice, direction, and mental concentration. The colour blind cannot be cured, but the tone-deaf, in most instances, can. It is one of the surprises of the war that men who have suddenly become stone-deaf—a condition which occurs not often in the trenches, but most commonly behind the lines—have completely regained their hearing, and equally suddenly, by appropriate mental treatment.



## Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,  
Thursday, November 1.

This afternoon, at 5 o'clock, at Chakri Palace His Majesty the King received in audience His Excellency Monsieur Alfredo Casanova, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Portuguese Republic, who presented to the King his Letter of Credence.

After the address to which His Majesty graciously replied, the King conversed for some time with the Minister.

His Royal Highness Prince Devavongse Varoprakar, Minister for Foreign Affairs, was in attendance.

## Government Rice Mills.

The committee appointed to report on the planting of rice and of food products in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States has recommended the establishment of government rice mills in Kedah, in Krian and in Province Wellesley says the Straits Echo. This is a step which has for many years been advocated by the Kedah Government as one, and probably the most important one, of the many means of encouraging the cultivation of rice. To persons who know only the government of the Colony and the Federated Malay States, the proposal will doubtless appear as a revolutionary one—smacking of the way of socialism and such like "isms." But the fact is that in other colonies where agriculture has received serious consideration, for the excellent reason that tin, rubber and world trade are not for the likes of them, the Government has not hesitated to strip off its office coat, and turn to business.

Both in Antigua and St. Vincent, there are Government Granaries, where Indian corn is either purchased outright from the cultivator, or stored for him, at a small charge, until prices rise. In St. Lucia there is the Lima Juice Factory, which buys limes from the peasants, payments being partly in cash and partly by a bonus which is distributed at the end of the season and depends upon the price obtained by the factory for the manufactured articles. The Central Sugar Factories of Antigua buy the peasants' cane on the basis of the value at Antigua of 4 lb. of sugar for every hundred canes; and what is more they guarantee a minimum price.

The policy of assisting the peasants started as a result of a recommendation by the Royal Commission which visited the islands in 1897 after the great wave of depression there, and it has had marked success. It is closely bound up with various schemes for cooperation amongst the peasants.

We sincerely trust that the Government Rice Mills will ere long turn to be Co-operative Rice Mills, and that co-operation, which has been a striking success in other parts of the world, may be introduced, and thrive, in Malaya.

## Dancing in War Time.

The banning of dancing in the watering-places of the Calvados Department of France, as the result of protests against the dancing of the tango in the Deauville casinos, shows that the problem of reconciling amusements with the deadly business of war has not everywhere been solved. It is not surprising, for the problem has many difficulties. That careless mirth in the presence of universal death is callous needs no labouring. Nor, on the other hand, does the proposition that unrelenting attention to the remorseless business of war or unrelieved contemplation of its tragedy is insupportable. The Germans understand that perfectly well. In the course of the war new theatres have been set up, racing has been maintained, and every source of diversion from the terrible preoccupation has been tapped. The question, then, is not whether it is right to take our pleasures in the midst and in spite of a great war, but whether the pleasures themselves are of the right sort and are taken in the right degree. As a means of restoring the rhythmic balance of the spirit the dance has few if any equals. But a thing neurotic and bizarre like the tango in some of its developments is a gratuitous perversion of the dance; and if the only way to banish all dances, then there is something to be said for letting all dances go.—Ex.

An agreement has been concluded between Swiss delegates and representatives of France, Italy, Great Britain, Russia, and the United States, for the restriction of the export of Swiss chocolate to enemy countries. Henceforth these will not be allowed to receive more than 24,000 quintals (about 2,400 tons) of chocolate per year instead of the 46,000 quintals (4,600 tons) per year which they have obtained hitherto.

## First Standard Ship.

Ready in Five Months.

Complete success has attended the trial of the first of the standardised ships built to the order of the British Government. It was of a most exhaustive nature, and experts are unanimous in their praise of the vessel, which, with its sisters, is destined to play an important part in the campaign against enemy submarines.

The standardised ship has been designed to provide a good type of cargo carrier in the shortest possible time, with the minimum expenditure of material. The keel was laid last February, and on Saturday Aug. 25, less than the full six months—the vessel was fully loaded and ready to go to sea.

There are two types of standardised vessels of 8,000 tons carrying capacity—single deck and two deck ships. This ship is a single decker. It is also intended to construct two smaller types of 5,000 and 3,000 tons dead weight each. Other types are under consideration.

As in the case of the hull, the machinery and engines are all standardised, so that the first engine goes into the hull complete. This is a great advantage, as not infrequently builders have had to wait some considerable time for the installation of the machinery.

Special attention has been devoted to speed, while another important feature is provided in the large hatches, making the ship almost self-trimming, and facilitating loading and discharging. The central idea is that such steamers should be not only built quickly, but capable of being worked speedily.

Special arrangements are made for accommodation of the crew, who are berthed aft instead of in the fore-cabin, with a general smoke room, bath room, and steam heating.

## Shipping Controller's Hopes

During the trial trip, Sir Joseph MacLay, the Shipping Controller, made the following statement in an interview with regard to the new ships, for the construction of which he and his advisers are responsible:—

"Every yard is full of the work. These ships are being built for the nation in the time of need, and it is felt that the workmen and employers alike will put forth of their best to produce them with the utmost rapidity."

"The conception of the standardised ship at the beginning was to use as little steel as possible and to have them rapidly delivered. This vessel has been built in five months, and it is expected that similar vessels will be turned out in about four or four and a half months. The various types are constructed as economically as possible."

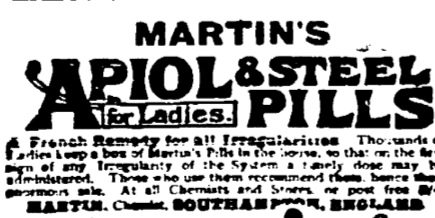
"The ships are adjusted for rapid loading and discharging. Some of them are specially adapted for carrying grain, being single deckers, others with twin decks will be suitable for carrying any class of cargo. The engine room is large and airy—in fact, everything about them is of the most modern character."

Calcutta, Sept. 18.—The police have arrested a notorious gang of dacoits in Western Bengal. The gang, it is alleged, was responsible for a large number of dacoities in the Burdwan, Birbhum, Hooghly, Murshidabad and Bankura districts. Of 35 men arrested two have been made approvers and two have been acquitted by the Sessions Judge of Burdwan. Of the rest seven were sentenced to transportation for life, while the others were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from four to ten years.

Crime in Bombay.—The total number of cognizable offences of all classes reported to the Bombay City Police in 1916 was 50,783, showing an increase of 7,037 cases, or over 16 per cent. on the figures of the previous year. The increase is attributed by the Commissioner of Police partly to the registration at police stations of all cases taken up by the agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals under Act XI of 1890, and partly to an increase of prosecutions of hawkers and merchants for causing obstruction in the streets.

## ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

It may be impossible to prevent an accident, but it is not impossible to be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is not beyond anyone's purse, and with a bottle of this liniment you are prepared for most anything. For sale by The British Dispensary.



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## Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Channai.

For October 1-7, 2460.

## Krong Deb.

Minburi.—The area planted up to date is 208,800 rai, about 2,800 rai less than at this time last year. Slight damage has been done by flood and caterpillars. The standing crop is not doing very well, inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Phra Pradeng.—The area planted up to date is about 58,300 rai, the paddy is at most over 2 sok high, doing fairly well.

The price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Saundaparak.—The area planted up to date is 140,400 rai, about 75,000 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy is about 3 sok high, doing well, better than last year. The crop is beginning to head in some places.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

## Mondol Krong Kao.

Dhanyaburi.—The area planted up to date is about 327,200 rai, the paddy is at a height of about 3 sok, doing well, but not as good as last year. Kao lao is heading.

The price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Pradum Dhuri.—The area planted up to date is 115,700 rai, about 20,400 rai less than at this time last year. Slight damage has been caused by flood and crabs. The crop is in good condition, and beginning to head, but not as good as last year.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Angthong.—The area planted up to date is 397,900 rai, about the same as the area planted at this time last year. Slight damage has been caused by flood, the remainder is at most over 4 sok high, doing well, and better than last year.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Singhaburi.—The area planted up to date is about 195,100 rai, the paddy is in good condition, over 4 sok in height. The price of paddy is 37 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Labuburi.—The area planted up to date is 417,400 rai, about 11,000 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is about 4 sok high, doing fairly well, but inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

## Mondol Nagar Jaysri.

Nagor Pathom.—The area planted up to date is 193,600 rai, about 235,000 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 2,000 rai has been damaged by crabs, the remainder is about 2½ sok high, doing fairly well and is beginning to head.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.65 baht per tang.

Samuda Sagor.—The area planted up to date is 80,500 rai, about 11,000 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 5,100 rai has been damaged in some places by drought and in others by flood, the remainder is in good condition, over 3 sok in height.

The price of paddy is 53 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Subarn.—The area planted up to date is 655,300 rai, about 102,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 3,500 rai has been damaged by drought, the remainder is over 3 sok high, doing well.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

## Mondol Rajaburi.

Samuda Songram.—The area planted up to date is about 23,100 rai, the paddy is, at a height of about 2½ sok, in good condition with the exception of some slight damage caused by flood.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.68 baht per tang.

Prachab.—The area planted up to date is 4,100 rai, about 5,400 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy is at most over 3 sok high, not doing very well and inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

## Mondol Prachin.

Chhaxoeng Sao.—The area planted up to date is 546,100 rai, about 67,500 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is over 2 sok high, in better condition than last year.

The price of paddy is 52 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Prachin.—The area planted up to date is 243,800 rai, about 22,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is at most over 3 sok high and is heading in some places. The condition is better than last year.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Nagor Nayok.—The area planted up to date is 267,500 rai, about 19,900 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is doing well, better than last year. The height is about 3 sok.

The price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 bahts per tang.

Krabindra.—The area planted up to date is 55,100 rai, about 5,400 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is doing fairly well, about 3 sok in height.

The price of paddy is 43 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

## Mondol Nagar Svarga.

Udaya.—The area planted up to date is 121,000 rai, about 20,800 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 3,000 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is doing fairly well and is beginning to head.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Jaynad.—The area planted up to date is 201,500 rai, about 97,400 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 4,100 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Kambang Beja.—The area planted up to date is about 39,900 rai, the paddy is over 2 sok high, in the same condition as last year.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Remarks.—Reports have not yet been received from Chanevada Nondaburi, Ayudhya, Saraburi, Rajaburi, B-jraburi, Kanchanaburi, Nagor Svarga and Tak.

Between the 22nd Sept. and the 7th Oct. the Krong Deb rice mills bought about 40,544 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 2,000 kwien by rail, making a total of about 42,574 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-suan were from 70 to 96 bahts per kwien, Kao Namuang from 50 to 60 bahts, Kao Samruang from 51 to 63 bahts and Kao Bao from 51 to 81 bahts (rice millers' kwien).

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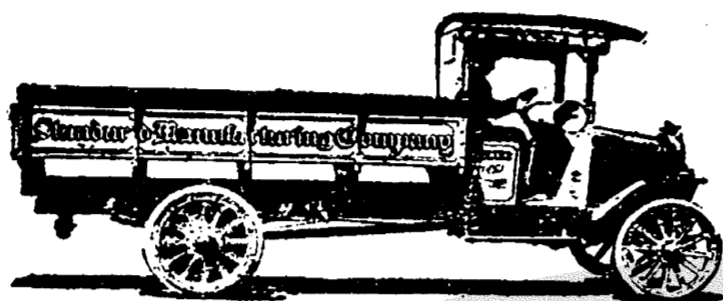
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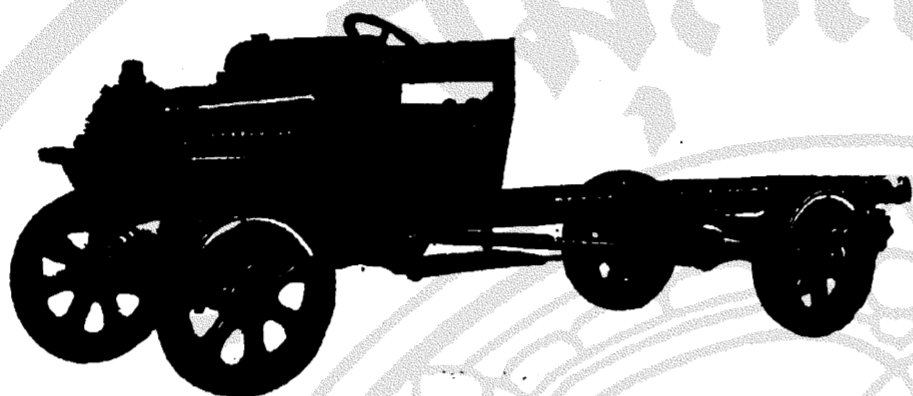
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### The Premier's Speech.

#### Exhortation to Persevere.

London, Oct. 22.—Following is the conclusion of the Premier's speech at the War Economy meeting.—

The speaker here paid a great tribute to Sir Edward Carson, to whose insight and persistency he attributed the fact that our success against submarine was beyond our expectations. The Premier emphasised that Germany's enemies produced the world's food supplies and raw material, so that even if the German military machine succeeded, which it would not, this federation of free peoples of many races and climes, could, by withholding products and refusing the grip of the Prussian hand in any market of the world, reduce Germany to impotence and desolation. And they would if necessary.

However the Allies must husband their resources to last till Russia recovered and America was ready. "Save food, save clothing, luxuries and labour. Our armies must save in men. There must be increase of production in every direction. Above all let us cultivate endurance, steadfastness. Waiting means winning.

Beware of people trying to sow dissension, distrust and deception. The enemy on most battle fronts has organised with deadly care and ingenuity and offensive behind the lines. I know what I am talking about. France discovered it in time. Look out for Bolshevism in all shapes and forms. It is the latest most formidable weapon of the German army. Let us have endurance, concentration and unity. This is not the time to talk of parties. There is but one party, the nation (hear hear). The enemy is attempting to divide the nation and set one Ally against another. In America, Italy and Russia they are trying to sow distrust of England, while here they are trying to sow distrust among ourselves and rattle us. Keep steady. Keep steady and we'll win.

Germany is encouraging her Allies by telling them "wait a little longer and these people will break up among themselves." I am glad to say that the Allies at present are working with the greatest harmony. There is no shadow of dissension. We are on the eve of one of the most important military and political international conferences ever held. Some of the most prominent statesmen and the most distinguished soldiers of the Allies will be there and it will be the first time that we shall have the inestimable advantage of the presence of representatives of America and the new Russian Democracy. The decisions taken will affect the whole course of

the war and may determine the ultimate issue.

Whatever they are, we must prepare to support and enforce those decisions with all our strength and power.

The Premier concluded: "Our burdens, however great, are light as feathers compared with those of our soldiers. Just think that at this moment there are tens of thousands of them lying and have been lying for days in bloodstained quagmires, not with a bomb dropping here and another a mile off, and then vanishing into the night, but daily and nightly a deluge of death raining down on them, searching for their poor trench shelters. They are waiting for the hour when they can advance another mile on the road to victory. If we do all we can, we shall not be able to requite their heroism. If we do less than all we can, we shall dishonour their sacrifice.

Paris, Oct. 23.—The Cabinet crisis is settled all ministers remaining in office except M. Ribot minister for foreign affairs, who is replaced by M. Barthou.

London, Oct. 24.—The By-election for East Islington has resulted in Smallwood, coalition, 2,709; Baker, favouring air reprisals 1,532; Barnard, representing the new national part, 513.

#### Might Before Right.

Zurich, Aug. 22.—The "Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten" prints a remarkable open letter from Count Stolberg Wernigerode, a leading member of the Herrenhaus, to the Pope. Of all countries (he says) Germany must repudiate the interference of the papacy whose baneful influence is the darkest stain on German history. The resolution of the Reichstag Majority, which betrayed German interests, was, he asserts, the work of the Pope. That right should supersede might is a ridiculous suggestion, involving the suicide of Germany.

The proposal of disarmament is equally absurd, declares the Count. He asks: Does the Pope imagine the whole world attacked Germany in the interest of public order? And goes on to say that experience shows that armaments must be increased, not decreased. He who excels all others in commerce stands alone the subject of universal envy. Germany, therefore, would always be defeated at an international court.

Instead of advocating the independence of Belgium which would be fatal to Germany, the Pope should preach obedience to the occupying authorities. (D. C.)

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## German Wastage of Human Life.

Mr. Henry Wood, United Press of America correspondent with the French armies in the field, tells how Germany, at long last, is trying to economise the lives of her soldiers.

"Economy of the human material" is now the order of the day to the German army commanders, an order that is in marked contrast to the unassisted formation and wholesale sacrifices of "human material" which have characterised German war methods to date. Ludendorff's order, in which economy of men is at last placed above economy of shells, reads as follows:—

## Ludendorff's Order.

Chief of the General Staff of the Armies A field:—

The consumption of munitions has remained constantly very high recently on the fighting fronts, in spite of the fact that the combative activity has generally diminished. In particular, consumption of shells for mortar and heavy field howitzers is much greater than production.

This is serious. However, the superior direction of the army cannot issue a new general order for a further restriction in the consumption of munitions, because our losses on all the fighting fronts continue to be very high, and would become even higher if further general instruction were made.

Economy in men is even more important than economy in munitions. It is necessary to try and obtain an improvement on these two points. To this end it is necessary to use as freely as possible the munitions according to the orders previously given on repeated occasions, and on the other hand to regulate the tactics of our methods of fighting according to the regulations given and the circumstances, so as to diminish our losses.

According to orders which we have seen, and according to the complaints of the troops, it is no longer in doubt that we persist in our old ways of seeing things, and that we continue along those lines on certain occasions. These are: in first line positions too severe fighting for the possession of ground, even a trench element which is of tactical value, without importance and even disadvantageous to be defended; hasty counter attacks without information from the artillery; the too dense occupation of first lines; the keeping too close of large reserves in the open when no attack is planned; too much artillery fire against positions where there is no enemy, such as des-

tructive cannonading of empty trenches, useless barrage fire, and cannonading, especially during the night, when there is not sufficient information for regulating the fire.—(Signed) Ludendorff.—Ex.

## Japan's Unused Army.

The Russian debacle is the occasion of an important inspired appeal in the "Corriere della Sera" for the intervention of the Japanese army.

It is well-nigh incredible that the Entente Powers should actually be postponing supreme battle in order to await the arrival of troops of a great nation overseas which started only a few months ago to transform its commercial population into soldiers, whereas the Entente Powers have been steadily declining, during the past three years, the use of a strong, well-equipped army, endowed with perhaps the most martial spirit on earth.

There will come a time when this missed opportunity of Japanese aid will be considered the worst error of the Allies. There are no insurmountable material difficulties, for the same ships which are to convey to Europe the soldiers of the Stars and Stripes could have brought across those of the Rising Sun.

It is not needful to know the secrets of diplomacy to divine that the leading Allied States feared that they would have to pay too heavy a price for Far Eastern help. They have not reflected that a speedier victory would have been won, and that the saving of innumerable lives and immense sums of money would have largely compensated them for the granting of territory or the addition of prestige to our valiant Ally. What, alas! they have done is to apply to the tremendous tragedy of the world war habits contracted by Government—bad old habit of half measures and temporising contracted by Government formed on a Parliamentary basis.

Not a single responsible statesman among the Allies has had the timely insight to urge a straightforward bid for Japan's intervention: while nobody of eminence in the political world has shown himself capable of wrenching from the Entente so salutary a measure.

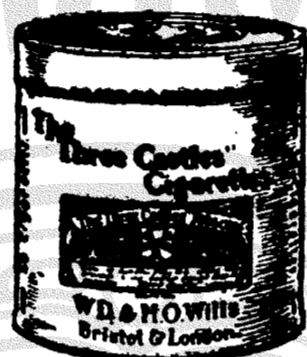
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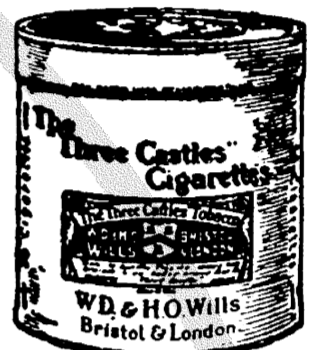
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## The Success at Verdun.

The Daily Chronicle's special correspondent, Mr. G. H. Parris, who is with the French army, wrote recently:

The offensive of the army of Verdun is enlarged steadily, methodically and with unbroken success.

After the capture of Hill 304 on Friday morning the two divisions of General Linder's army corps, to which this success is due, continued to work their way northward over a series of fortified works and trenches, including those of Camard Wood, the Vassincourt and Peyron works on the left, the Boot work and the Square Wood at the centre, and Spong Wood, Souvin and Alsace works on the east. Though these can be but names to the English reader they will serve to qualify the German pretence that this and other ground was voluntarily evacuated.

During the morning these two divisions reached the south bank of the Forges Rivulet between Haucourt and Bethincourt, while on their right General Corvisart's troops advanced from both sides of Dead Man Hill, up the ravine of the Hayette, on the west over Comont Plateau at the centre, and down the slope of Cross Wood on the right, till they also reached the rivulet of Forges.

### Hill 304's Defences.

There remained to the south of Bethincourt in the afternoon the Lorraine work and two other fortified posts. All three of these were carried during Friday night, so that the fifth day of the battle saw the crescent of victory spread out wide and level from Malancourt Wood by the south of Haucourt, Bethincourt, and Forges, across the river beyond Samogneux, by Hill 304 and Fosses Wood to Hill 329 to the north of Bezonvaux.

I see no reason to modify the opinion that Hill 304, although a little higher, is of less importance than Dead Man, its easterly neighbour. Each, however, has its own range of views, each can render the other almost untenable, and the two together constitute a position of enormous defensive and offensive value. The former was held by means of a trench near the summit, two supporting parallels just below on the north side, many communication trenches, and several tunnels connecting these and a still formidable system of trenches, block-houses, and machine-gun posts on either flank.

The whole field was commanded by the German heavy batteries hidden in the woods and directed from the hill of Montfaucou. Not only had the fieldworks to be smashed, therefore, before the ground could be occupied, but these batteries had to be a large

extent silenced, at least until the French troops could dig themselves in.

### Effective Work of the Guns.

The infantry advance began at 4.50 a.m. At the centre the men had to cross the marshy ground of Death Ravine, with the water sometimes up to their waists, and then to climb up the steep slopes of the hill. But the guns had done their work, and a wide extension of the bombardment had probably deceived the enemy as to our intentions. On the left the objectives were attained by 6 o'clock, and on the right before eight. The prisoners made during the day numbered 450, bringing the total for the battle up to well over 8,000.

One of the most remarkable features of the week's fighting has been the large proportion of officers captured—larger by a third than in December last. I have reported the virtual extinction of the 6th Division of Reserve in attempting to defend Dead Man Hill. Its

three regiments lost in prisoners alone 2,794 men and 69 officers, and the remainder only now behind the German lines a pitiful remnant. It would be meaningless at the quality of the men, some of whom were no doubt brave enough, but still the fact that among these prisoners were cooks, cyclists, and bandmen, as well as warriors of the Brandenburg type as imperially advertised, is significant, and it does not exactly support the patriotic pessimists who have frowned over some of my earlier calculations of the decline of German military strength.

### German General's Baffled Hope.

General von Dietrich had duly admonished his medley of cooks and bandmen machine riflemen, and musketeers. "We may expect to be attacked at any moment," he said, in an order of August 17. "The division can count only on its own strength. I hope it will know how to make that suffice, and that it will be victorious."

In the hope of stiffening the men reports were circulated in the trenches of the cruel treatment of prisoners by the French. Every one of them knew that Dead Man Hill was a vital position which had cost thousands of lives to preserve. Nevertheless, 2,794 of these once terrible Brandenburgers surrendered at a stroke, and with them 69 of the officers whose predecessors used to march down to the cages in the rear with haughty eyes and nose in the air, one or two at a time. There is something prodigiously changed in the state of Brandenburg.

Average German troops can no longer hold an essential point against a fully-prepared attack and thousands of them are no longer willing to die in the effort. That is the moral of Dead Man Hill.

The twin hospitals on which I reported the other day from personal investigation are now the only ones that have received fully the attentions of enemy aviators. Others in the

Verdun region have also been bombarded, either by cannon or aeroplane, and in all 43 nurses or patients have been killed and 55 wounded. One hospital was cannonaded on July 14 and 22, August 3 and 10, and the seven following days.

On Monday night an aviator dropped a bomb on a chateau which is being used as a hospital. It cut in two a hall full of wounded soldiers, one of whom was killed. The same night an ambulance was bombed and ten patients were killed. In one case new evidence of deliberation has been found—a roll of photographs taken on a German armoured brought down at Dead Man Hill shows the hospital its red crosses clearly indicated.

## Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

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### MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.

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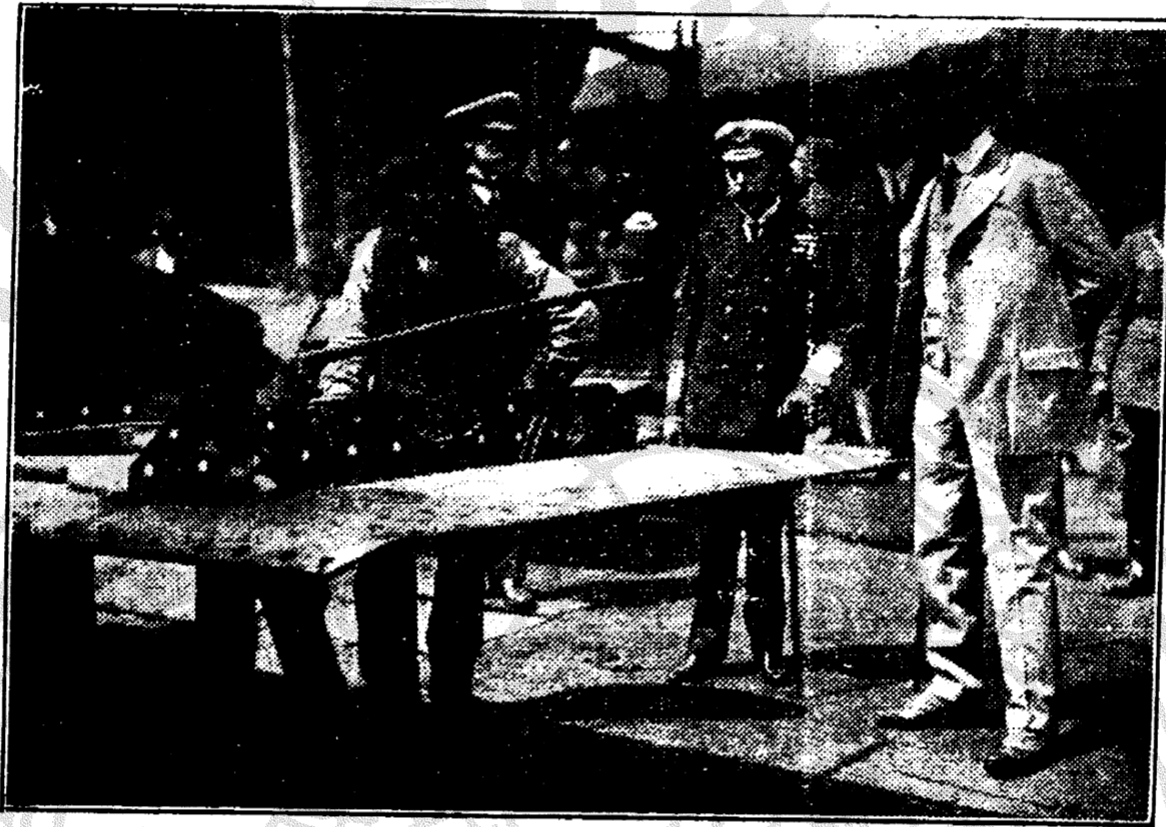
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